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# Werewhale



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**Werewhales**, also known as

**Balaenopterathropes**, are a unique and extremely rare type of therianthrope. Like other therianthropes, werewhales possess the ability to transform between their human and animal forms. In the case of werewhales, Werewhales are able to fully transform into their whale form, as well as a hybrid form that combines human and whale features.

They can only be distinguished in their full animal form by the color of their eyes, usually retaining the eye color of their human form. The transformation into their whale form is a remarkable but also grotesque sight to behold, with the werewhale's body expanding and elongating as it takes on the shape of the majestic marine mammal.

## Werewhale



Werewhale  
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## Taxonomy

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## Behavior

Werewhales are known for their peaceful nature, unlike many other types of therianthropes who can be aggressive or dangerous. They tend to avoid conflict whenever possible and are more likely to flee than to fight. Although on occasions, they have been seen defending humans and panhumans (elves, dwarves, gnomes, etc.) sailing the oceans, from attacks by nixas, krakens, Sea Witches and other similar beings.

Werewhales are also known to be highly intelligent and empathetic creatures, possessing a deep understanding and appreciation for the ocean and its inhabitants.

They are often seen swimming alongside other marine animals, such as dolphins and normal whales, and have been known to communicate with them in their own unique way.

Werewhales are highly valued and respected by many maritime cultures. In some societies, like in Skellige, they are even worshipped as divine creatures, being called the "*sons of Aegir*", believed to bring good luck and protection to those who encounter them.

However, due to their rarity and elusive nature, werewhales are not often seen by humans. So very little is known about their behavior and habits. It is believed that they spend much of their time in the open ocean, away from human populations, and only come to shore when they need to transform or when they are drawn to specific areas for unknown reasons. As a result, many myths and legends have been created about these magnificent creatures, with some stories depicting them as gentle giants and others as dangerous monsters.

## Vulnerabilities

As with other therianthropes, werewhales are vulnerable to silver and cursed oil which can cause them significant harm or even death. But due to their peaceful and gentle nature, they are not usually hunted by witchers, on the contrary, protected. Or at least, that's what most legends say.

## Transmission of the Disease

It is unknown how one can become infected with balaenopterathropy, but it is believed that there are two ways. Through a curse or through a genetic inheritance like other therianthropes. It is also speculated that those who inherit the werewhale gene may not be aware of their condition until they undergo a transformation, usually during puberty, with examples like An Ard Skellig folk legend says that if a teenage girl has a very strong first menstruation, she is likely to become a werewhale when it is over. Probably they also have the ability to transmit their condition to others through a bite or scratch like other variants of the disease.

## Notes

- Protected article, since it is considered finished.

Classification	Cursed Ones
Species	Theriantrope
Physiology	
Height	Slightly taller than the average Werewolf Whale - like ( full transformed )
Length	Whale - like ( full transformed )
Weight	Whale - like ( full transformed )
Ecology	
Lifespan	70 years
Intelligence	Human - like
Nature	Peaceful
Range	Oceans
Habitat	Oceans
Diet	Unknown

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